



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: DECEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #2

TO: Chairman Umberg and Committee Members

FROM: Roelof van Ark: CEO

DATE: December 13, 2011

RE: Agenda Item # 2 - Extension of time for Draft Business Plan Public Comment Period.

Discussion

The California High Speed Rail Authority released a draft of the 2012 Business Plan for public comment on November 1st, 2011. Presently the public comment period closes on December 30, 2012. Public are welcome to submit comments in writing directly to the Authority, or through an access made available on the Authority's website at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/.

Various information and public meetings and legislative hearings have taken place with respect to the Business Plan.

At the November 2011 board meeting staff had informed the Board that a few early verbal requests to extend the comment period by an additional 15 days had been received. In the meanwhile further requests for extension have been received, and indications are that a further 15 days would suffice to meet the needs of most. This request is mainly due to the many holidays during the November / December period.

Staff believe that this 15 day extension would benefit the public.

Recommendations

That the Board extends the Draft Business Plan public comment period through close of business on Sunday, January 15, 2012.